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To Whom it May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I provide this open letter of reference for Artisan Partners and one of the company's principals, Geoff Azaroff.

The Lakewood Country Club has utilized the talents and services of Artisan Partners on numerous projects and I can wholeheartedly say that they have always over exceeded our very demanding expectations.

Integrity, professionalism and a spirit of delivery are words that I can utilize very honestly to describe our dealings with Geoff and all of the partners at Artisan. We have never been disappointed in the quality of their work and are constantly amazed at their ability to deliver within predetermined budgetary constraints.

I offer this letter of reference without reserve and without a doubt have the backing of the Membership and the Board of Directors of Lakewood Country Club.

Please feel free to contact me directly at (301) 340-8618 if I can add anything to this testament of Artisan Partners, I would be glad to do so without hesitation.

Sincerely,



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